



FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

November 25:

FIT Food List
spaghetti sauce and noo-
dles, peanut butter, jelly,
boxes of cereal, canned
fruit, mac & cheese, cash
donations

December 15:

Breakfast with Santa at
9:30 am

Christmas Turkeys:

Help those less fortunate
have a Christmas meal.
Contact Dave Hill to par-
ticipate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker, Kaylee Bridges, Donnie Guill (Mission UPReach)
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley-Washington, D.C.
- Grayson Carter-Ft. Riley
- Steve & Erma Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Leah Crocker
- George Westerman
- Kelli Daniel
- Karyl Buress
- Kathy Alexander & Family
- KJ Binnicker
- Fritz Stewart-George Stewart's Father

RICH MAN AND LAZARUS
PART 3

For the past two weeks we have looked at the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We have seen that if we build our identities on anything but God, we lose our true selves. We also learned that God does not arbitrarily choose to send people to hell. He eventually gives people what they want. He “gives them over” to their own desires. The question for today is; why did Jesus tell this parable? What was He really aiming to teach? We find the reason for the parable in Luke 16:14-15.

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

Jesus told this parable to the Pharisees who loved money and were sneering at Him. He wanted them to understand that they had things backwards. The things they valued were detestable to God. The Pharisees loved money and despised the poor. God loves the poor and detests the detesters. He despises despisers.

In verse 15, Jesus says the root of the problem is that they “justify themselves.” The implication is that there is such a thing as justification from God. It is a binary choice. You can look to yourself for justification or you can seek it from God. The way you can tell which category you fall into is how you treat those who are most unlike you. There are people in our lives who hold very strong and polar opposite views about politics, religion and social issues. It is okay to disagree and with them and many times, we must disagree. But, do we ever despise them? When our disagreement with their views becomes contempt for them, we have become self-justifiers. Our personal views have become more important than the other person. If you are a hard worker, it is easy to lose respect for lazy people. If you disdain them, you have become a self-justifier. If you get angry with people who hold opposite political views, you are very likely, a self-justifier. You are finding your identity in politics. You are loving the wrong thing. God loves the person and you love your view of the political world.

God cares deeply for the weak people. He loves those on the margins of society. He even loves those who get under your skin. Do you love them? How do you treat the poor? If you are God-justified, you will love them, and you will serve them. If we make God our “good thing” and do not find value in being a liberal or a conservative, a man or a woman, black or white, rich or poor, we will be God -justified.

We must be people who love the things that God loves. We must not find our identities in politics, racial pride or any other social issue. Love for different people, is the inevitable sign you are sinner saved by grace, not trying to save yourself.

Grace and peace,
The Shepherds

ASSEMBLY TIMES

- SUNDAY WORSHIP**
9:30AM
- SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS**
11:00 AM
- WEDNESDAY**
BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM

November 18th, 2018
Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class: 65
AM Bible Class Avg: 73

AM Assembly: 137
AM Assembly Avg: 132

Contribution: \$4,074.22
YTD Average Weekly:
\$7,598.00

Weekly Budget: \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign Up To Help:

- December Goodies**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa5ad2fa0f94-december>
- Suzanne Kennedy**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054cacaf2ca2fe3-rides>
- Geoffrey Cottrell**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4bacab29a4fc1-rides>

Anniversaries:

- 11.8 Stephen & Amanda Wood
- 11.10 Jason & Meredith Falls
- 11.16 KJ & Sammie Binnicker
- 11.23 Juan & Lucy Ortiz
- 11.28 Ernie & Karen Oliver

Birthdays:

- 11.24 Jimmy Kirby

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Opportunities to Serve
November 25th, 2018

Worship:

Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Cliff Brown
Chester Warren

Lord’s Supper Comments:

Ernie Oliver

Servers in November:

Robin Akers
Nicholas Joy
Corey Wisniewski
Larry Baker
Eduardo Diaz

Door Greeters in

November:

Cliff Brown
Carol Brown

Nursery:

Alma Ulmer
Karen Bost

Toddler:

Amanda Wood
Robin Kellis

Children’s Church:

Justin Muery

Communion Prep:

Carol Brown
Barbara Thompson

Coffee Clean-Up:

Karen Bost

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Missionaries:

AIM: Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill; Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

“The good things of God are chiefly peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, God’s presence in this life, and the assurance of His blessed face in the next.”

—Sir Richard Baker

In this holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving, it’s sometimes hard not to compare our lives to that of others and make that our standard of what have to be thankful for! As children of God, we have no room for comparison in this way. We are all on even terms with the same GOOD gifts of God that Sir Richard Baker names above. We ALL have full access to peace, joy in the Holy Spirit, God’s presence, and assurance of His face in the next. We ALL have these immeasurable gifts to be thankful for and THAT is why we can’t help but praise Him like the psalmist below.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!!

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”
Psalms 100:1-5

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan